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■ **COUNTRY WALK:** 18th annual event attracts veteran participants as well as newcomers

Weather doesn't deter walk participants

ALLAN BENNER
InPort News Staff

PORT COLBORNE — Tim Waite's mother Florence died of breast cancer nearly 20 years ago.

Despite the many years that passed since then, Waite keeps his mother's memory alive. For the first time, he and his common-law wife Sylvie Vlau joined about 200 others to walk along the roads of Port Colborne's rural east side in the 18th annual Country Walk for Breast Cancer.

Vlau said she was listening to a Led Zeppelin song on a local radio station when she heard an adver-

tisement for the event, held Sunday at Emerald Pines Golf Course, and decided to participate. She carried a sign with her during the walk, thanking the radio station for letting her know about the event, as well as playing her favorite band.

Another walking was another first-time participant in the walk, established by cancer survivor Bonnie Jackson and Teresa Pizzo who lost her mother Ramona to breast cancer.

"I'm walking for Diane and Charlene," Armstrong said as she walked along the roads with her friend Marilyn Schwartz.

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ALLAN BENNER Staff Photo
Mayor Vance Badaway speaks at the annual Country Walk, as walk organizers, from left, Teresa Pizzo, Bonnie Jackson and Cheryl James listen.



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■ COUNTRY WALK

Cancer survivors rally around event

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"And I'm walking for Judy and Lillian," Schwartz said.

Despite dreary weather, the event organizers were impressed with the number of participants.

"It just amazes us all the time. You guys are out there no matter what the weather," Jackson told the crowd prior to the start of the walk.

**It just amazes us all the time.
You guys are out there no matter what the weather."**

Bonnie Jackson,
Cancer survivor

Although she has not yet tallied up the total number of participants or the money they raised, she said more than 160 people registered in advance and many more showed up Sunday to participate.

"It's amazing," she said. She was also impressed to see newcomers, such as Wayne and Rosemary Armstrong.

"We have some who have been here for 18 years, but we always get some new ones," she said.

Since the annual event

began, she said organizers managed to raise a total of about \$375,000 and were hoping to break the \$400,000 mark this year.

"We already had \$12,000 going in," she said, adding she was "absolutely" confident they'd reach their goal.

Jackson, who survived breast cancer twice, said the breast-screening centre at the Port Colborne hospital has continued to inspire her to organize the event, along with Pizzo and Cheryl James.

She said the Ramona Pizzo-Bonnie Jackson Breast Screening Centre "means so much" to the women who use it. She recalled years ago, before the centre was established, being in the x-ray department when you had to go for mammograms.

"You sat in a room with just curtains on the windows," she said. "A man might be next to you coughing, and a kid might be over there. It's such a personal thing, though. It's a personal and emotional thing for a woman to go through."

But since the breast-screening Centre was built, "it's beautiful now."

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ROSEMARY ARMSTRONG, left, and MARILYN SCHWARTZ joined hundreds of participants in the 18th annual Country Walk for Breast Cancer held Sunday in Port Colborne.

ALLAN BENNER Staff Photo

■ FIRE SERVICES: Cole gone

All mum on Wainfleet fire chief departure

DAVE JOHNSON
InPort News Staff

WAINFLEET — After four years' service, fire Chief Chris Cole and Wainfleet have parted ways.

Bound by a legal agreement and discussions during an in-camera meeting,

August, neither side is willing to say why the chief's services are no longer required.

"I left on Aug. 23," said Cole. "I'm bound by a sever-

ance agreement and can't discuss things."

Cole, a former full-time firefighter in Port Colborne, said over the past four years he tried to give Wainfleet residents the best fire service he could with the resources he had.

He had nothing but praise for the group of volunteers that make up the department.

"They are a really dedicated group of individuals the township can be proud to have in the fire service."

Cole thanked the past council and mayor who brought him on board and for allowing him to work to bring the fire service up to current standards.

Mayor April Jeffs and township CAO Scott Luey also won't say why the two

parted ways. But the two thanked Cole for his years of service.

He brought up the level of service and we appreciate his professionalism and the transition he took the fire service through," said Luey.

Cole was brought on board after Wainfleet severed its sharing agreement with Port Colborne Fire and Emergency Services. Port Colborne fire Chief Tom Cartwright and fire prevention officer Mike Bendia had provided services to the township for nearly five years.

Luey said Cole was the transition from having a shared-service chief and fire prevention officer, to the township having its own professional chief.

Jeffs said firefighter Tim

Scott Luey,
Wainfleet CAO

Bunz was made interim fire chief after Cole's departure and the township has to decide where it goes next.



Cole



Luey

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■ INDUSTRY

Century of milling celebrated in Port

DAVE JOHNSON
InPort News Staff

PORT COLBORNE — In the early 1900s, Maple Leaf Mills was the largest flour mill in the British Empire.

Today the mill, now owned by ADM Milling Co., is still one of the largest in Canada, producing flour and baking mixes.

Last Wednesday the company celebrated its 100th anniversary in the community, with past and present employees, ADM management and dignitaries.

"We take pride in what we do and in our people," said Bob Dussault, the commercial manager of the Port Colborne mill at the end of King St.

“We take pride in what we do and in our people. I hope another 50 or 100 years from now people will get together and recognize the day. Hopefully, we'll still be open.”

Bob Dussault,
ADM commercial manager

"I hope another 50 or 100 years from now people will get together and recognize the day. Hopefully, we'll still be open."

Dussault said the mill was built atop of a pier of wooden cribs and boulders extending out into Gravely Bay and the entrance of the Welland Canal.

"This is a very significant day. Many people have worked here over the years, many families and the community have been affected by the mill. There are many memories here..." he said.

Loren Urquhart, ADM's vice-president of sales, said back in 1911 Maple Leaf

Mills would have been packing flour into barrels. Now ADM is packing 20- and 40-ton bags of flour and delivering bulk flour to customers including Sobeys, Canada Bread and Westons.

Urquhart said there have been other changes in the past 100 years at the plant.

"In 1990, a \$23-million mix plant was added and in 1997 Maple Leaf was bought by ADM."

The plant sustained a deadly explosion and fire in 1960, which required the services of Buffalo Fire Department's fire boat, the E. M. Cotter, to help extinguish. The section of the plant destroyed in the fire, the glow of which could be seen for miles, was rebuilt within 15 months. The rubble of the plant was used to fill in the lower area of what is now H.H. Knoll Landscaping Park.

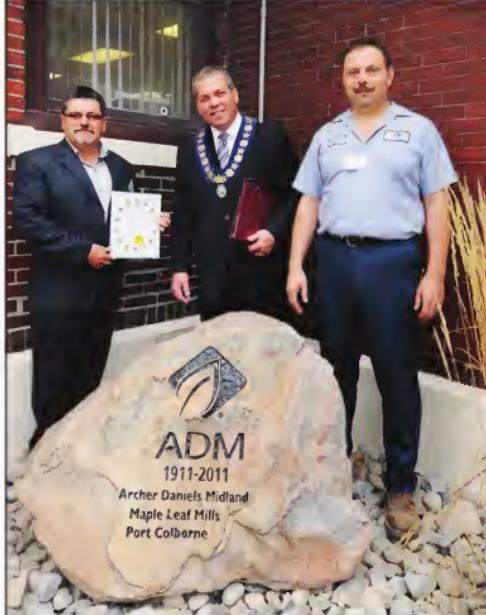
John Little, ADM's vice-president of manufacturing, said when Maple Leaf Mills first opened in 1911, there would have been about 2,550 flour mills in the country.

"Now there are between 25 and 27, and Port Colborne is still here."

Little said some of the 100 employees working at the mill are second and third-generation millers, their fathers, grandfathers or great-grandfathers having worked at there in the past.

Major Vance Badaway read from a publication Maple Leaf Mills released in 1911, called Grinding the Golden Grain, when the plant in Port Colborne opened.

"It said... 'with our great inland waterways penetrating half the continent, and our inexhaustable water powers, Canadians should be the millers of the world, and Canadian brains and enterprise are fast bringing us to that proud position. The new mill at Port Colborne furnishes further striking evidence of the fact. The two



DAVE JOHNSON Staff Photo

Bob Dussault, left, ADM Milling commercial manager, Mayor Vance Badaway and ADM Milling Port Colborne plant manager Frank Jantz stand behind a rock on a commemorative garden by the main office of the flour mill on Wednesday.

great determining factors in the location of such a mill are power and transportation; and from these viewpoints Port Colborne stands absolutely without a rival on the continent."

Badaway said while 100 years have passed since the mill opened and those words

were written, not a lot has changed.

"The location of the mill on the shores of Port Colborne has proved to be a sound business decision..."

The mayor joined ADM officials in dedicating a 100th anniversary commemorative garden beside the main office

of the plant, before heading into the warehouse with employees to enjoy a lunch and take in a historical display put on at the company and Port Colborne Historical and Marine Museum.

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TIMELINE

1911 — The Maple Leaf Milling Co. in Port Colborne began operations on Oct. 12. The company was incorporated in 1904. Grantham Mills, St. Catharines and Thorold Mills merged in 1901 to form Hedley Shaw Milling.

In 1907, MLM acquired Hedley Shaw Milling. Built on concrete and rock pier on the Welland Canal in the town of Lakeside. The elevator wheat storage capacity was one million bushels.

1917 — The mill was enlarged to become the largest in the British Empire.

1943 — Maple Leaf Milling reported all mills had run 24 hours a day, six days a week from September 1939.

1946 — A feed plant was installed.

1951 — A 4,320-square-metre warehouse was built.

1958 — Major additions of new milling equipment, rolls and purifiers were installed.

1960 — Maple Leaf Milling Port Colborne mill was destroyed by an explosion and major fire, resulting in one death, six badly burned. 1961 — Maple Leaf Mills Ltd. was created through a amalgamation with Toronto Elevators Ltd. and Purley Flour Mills.

1962 — The east mill was started on Jan. 10, followed on March 20 by the west mill. April 16, the rye mill became operational.

1970 — Maple Leaf Mills tagged as "The world's most modern mill."

1989 — A \$23-million bakery mix production plant expansion was announced.

1990 — Canada Packers merged with Maple Leaf Foods.

1997 — The flour milling operations were purchased by Archer Daniels Midland. The mill was re-named ADM Milling.

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Wainfleet's food drive needs you

Adding a few extra cans to the grocery cart could mean the difference between full or empty stomachs for a family in need.

The Wainfleet Lions and Meridian Credit Union annual food drive takes place Saturday from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Wainfleet Arena parking lot.

Organizers are relying on the support and generosity of the community.

Both monetary and non-perishable food donations will be collected and distributed among food banks that serve Wainfleet residents. Including Open Arms Mission in Welland, the Port Credit Rest Stop Food Centre in Port Colborne and St. Vincent de Paul in Dunnville.

We're encouraging everyone who can to make a donation, whether it be monetary or a food item, this weekend in Wainfleet.

With more and more people losing their jobs these days or barely making enough to get by, donations to local food banks become more and more important each day.

Wainfleet's event is taking a different approach to the tradition food drive where many volunteers go door to door to collect donations.

"Wainfleet has a lot of territory to cover," said event chairwoman Georgie Detwiler, explaining why volunteers are stationed in the parking lot.

By setting up in the arena parking lot, residents from across Wainfleet and beyond can stop by to make their donations for the community's less fortunate.

Even Wainfleet's three schools — St. Elizabeth, William E. Brown and Winger — have jumped on board and are collecting food for the initiative.

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■ DIVERSE IMAGES: Lake is always changing

Port artist inspired by lakeview scenes

LINDSAY COSTELLO

InPort News

A glimpse into her backyard provided the inspiration for local artist Cathy Peters when she created her latest exhibit, Lakeside Views.

On display at Arts Place Gallery until Nov. 25, the collection of paintings depicts lakeshore scenes, many of which are familiar territory for those living in the city.

"It just drew me in this summer," Peters said of the lake, citing it as one of her favourite things to paint. "They're very peaceful."

Peters began to create the collection in August and used a variety of techniques to give the pieces different moods and textures. Whether it is with watercolour or acrylic paints, Peters feels she has created a different personality in each of the 17 pieces.

"The lake is always changing," she said of the reason she was able to create diverse images. Some of the pieces are abstract, a method that Peters finds

enjoyable, while some are instantly recognizable.

"There are some significant Port Colborne scenes," she said.

Born and raised in Welland, Peters is primarily a painter, but has displayed her work locally in St. Catharines and Fort Erie in addition to Port Colborne.

Lakeside Views is Peters' third time exhibiting at Arts Place. Having made its debut at the King St. gallery last Friday, the collection was highlighted on Sunday afternoon during an artist's reception, in which the public could meet with Peters to discuss the collection.

Peters is no stranger to the local art community as she aims to exhibit her work every two years as a way of challenging herself as an artist.

While the ideas come easily, Peters said it can be difficult to set aside the time to delve into her passion.

"It provides me with balance from the 9-5," she said of her artistic lifestyle that she also enjoys because of the opportunity for travel that has presented itself over the years. Peters

has travelled to Ireland, Italy, Spain and Mexico among other unique destinations.

An impactful trip saw Peters visiting the highlands of Guatemala. Wanting to help the people of the area to live in the impoverished area, Peters was inspired to create an exhibit of Guatemalan-inspired paintings and later donated proceeds of this body of work to the Canadian Guatemala Stove Project Charity, which helps create adequate kitchen facilities for those in need.

While Peters used funds from this 2009 exhibit in order to make an impact across the globe, she has also been involved in optimizations closer to home including Port Care, which she donated a painting for a fundraising dinner and auction in the past.

Another concept Peters is adamant about is supporting original art. Her thoughts on the topic prompted her to create a personal statement that she plans to have hung at Arts Place.

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readers' views

Misinformation

Turbo factories coming to Niagara — the misinformation continues with this recent story.

Why is no one questioning the claims made by the proponents of wind energy? This story again quotes shareholders and staff of Niagara Region Wind Corporation, the company that has been working behind the scenes since 2006 in our local rural communities. They were seeking individual landowners willing to take \$50,000 per year for up to 20 years for setting up industrial wind turbines on their land.

Do the math. With up to 100 industrial wind turbines threatening local rural communities imagine just how much that is going to cost you, the taxpayer over the next 20 years?

And that is just the small change. Niagara Region Wind Corporation's 'number crunchers' have advised the wind company they can afford such payments to a limited number of folk within our own communities in order to give their shareholders profits that do make that \$50,000 look small change.

If anyone truly believes this private company, with such enormous profits as their reward, have any intention of listening to the majority of those within our communities, whose only 'rewards' will include ever increasing hydro bills and the real likelihood of potential negative health effects and devalued property values, I'm afraid

you are living in a dream world.

No one in the industrial world, nor industrial solvers, ever can deliver on a simple promise made by their proponents. But your tax dollars will certainly guarantee those companies huge profits.

There isn't a study completed anywhere in the world that shows 'green jobs' make economic sense or any other sense. In fact worldwide each 'green' job produced has cost anywhere from 2 up to 4 jobs lost in other industries.

And again if anyone believes that companies like Samsung and others, and now ENERCON coming to Niagara Region, are here only to serve local communities you truly are living in a dream world.

Most of the European energy companies are now in Ontario selling their wares because in their own countries they can no longer do so and make the enormous profits they seek. Wind and solar power have come and then been lost, whilst the rest of the world have begun to recognise the complete unaffordability of alternative green energy based only on tax dollars.

That McGuire and his provincial government, and locally, some of our own Niagara Regional elected representatives, still insist in burying their collective heads in the sand and refuse to research what has been happening elsewhere in the world is truly a sad reflection on what now passes as 'representation to best serve the interests

of all their communities.'

Andrew Watts
Wainfleet

Hudak 'simply blew it'

Of course we must expect politicians who have lost an election to bluster as if they had won.

But I had hoped that Tim Hudak would have accepted even a small modicum of responsibility for his loss in the Oct. 6 provincial election.

Only a few short months ago, Mr. Hudak was riding high in the polls as the electorate seemed to have tired of the Progressive Conservative leader. However, the Progressive Conservative leader simply blew it. I watched in astonishment as he labelled recent immigrants to Canada as 'foreigners.'

He already had the votes of Ontarioians who hold similar prejudices, but this xenophobic outburst simply ensured that he would not win many seats in urban Ontario ridings.

He also wore our patience thin with his constant robotic drum beat of the 'no' 'hate' 'no' 'Ontario first' families. This so hard-wired into his brain that he even had to shout it to media reporters after the election.

His prediction of Liberal 'back-room deals' after the election is almost funny. The Liberals don't need any back-room deals. They won the election, with the assistance of Tim Hudak.

David Fowler
Wainfleet

■ COSTELLO



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Local artist Cathy Peters brings her latest exhibit, Lakeside Views, to Arts Place Gallery. Her collection of paintings will be on display until Nov. 25.



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Encouragement fuelling Peters

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She feels it is important to be able to share her passion with other art lovers and individuals. "She provides an outlet for those looking to view unique pieces."

"I'm thankful that there's this place that people can come in and take in this beautiful art," she said of the gallery that has been in

operation for 18 years.

"For an artist, this gallery creates an opportunity to connect with like-minded individuals."

She feels the encouragement from others who share the same love of art helps fuel her passion and that she is drawn to work that artists create with their own hands rather than mass-produced art.

"An original piece of art is a passionate creation which not only reflects the soul of the artist, but your soul as well, because you chose it," she said in the statement.

She feels the local art community offers great support and encourages anyone to stop by Arts Place to view the fruits of her labour.

For more information on

Cathy Peters and her work,

I'm thankful that there's this place that people can come in and take in this beautiful art."

Cathy Peters, artist

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■ **APPEALS COURT:** Residents lose out on \$36 million and are ordered to pay \$100,000 in legal fees

Inco ruling overturned

EDDIE CHAU
InPort News Staff

PORL COLBORNE — The Ontario Court of Appeals has dismissed a class action lawsuit against mining company Vale and reversed a \$36-million award to Port Colborne residents.

In a recent ruling made, a three-judge panel reversed a decision favouring a group of Port Colborne residents who claimed the former Inco (now Vale) nickel refinery plant was liable for an increase in their property values due to land contamination.

The decision overturns a ruling made by Superior Court Judge Joseph Henderson in July 2010 which called for the awarding of \$36 million to more than 7,000 homes named in the lawsuit.

The original judgment called for the millions of dollars to be divided in three groups: about 340 households on Rodney St. receiving \$9 million, about

1,500 households on Port Colborne's east side receiving \$15 million and about 5,200 homes on the west side receiving \$12 million.

The case was appealed by Vale within 30 days of its ruling. The appeal was successful.

Rodney St. resident Ellen Smith said the decision of the Ontario Court of Appeal was "disheartening" — but she hasn't given up yet.

Smith, the representative plaintiff in the class action lawsuit against Vale, said it is "another hurdle we have to face and we've faced quite a few over the last 10 years."

On top of the case dismissal, the appeal residents will now have to pay \$100,000 to Vale to cover the company's legal fees.

But Smith said affected property owners shouldn't be concerned at this point.

"It hasn't come to that yet."

Cory McPhee, vice-president of corporate affairs

of Vale said the company is "pleased by the court's decision."

"The Ontario Court of Appeal has completely allowed the trial court's decision."

In a unanimous decision the court found that the plaintiff class (lawsuit) had failed to establish any legal cause of action against the company. Additionally, the court clearly found that members of the class (residential homeowners in Port Colborne) suffered no reduction in property values as a result of the company's operations.

In the 70-page court document, it noted waste products including nickel was released into the air via a 150-metre-tall smoke stack at the nickel refinery between 1918 and 1984. Nickel oxide was found in varying amounts in the soil of many properties within several kilo-metres around the former Inco plant.

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Crews clean up soil at 246 Davis St. in Port Colborne in this photo from 2004. On Friday, the Ontario Court of Appeal ruled in favour of Inco stopping a \$36-million payout to city homeowners who claimed their land was contaminated by Vale (Inco) and ordering them to pay the company's legal fees.

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■ RULING

No evidence Inco plant posted greater risk than others

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Henderson ruled the Inco plant was a non-natural use of land.

The report stated the plant did not operate unlawfully or negligently at any time. Evidence showed Inco had complied with several environmental and government regulatory schemes towards its refinery operation.

"There was no evidence that the emission levels from the refinery contravened any regulations," the report stated, noting the plant was in an industrial area, which posed no greater risk compared to other companies operating in the area.

The Ministry of Environment had tested the soil for contaminants and released a toxicology

study. The MOE report noted there were two "hot spots" where nickel levels were high.

Based on the MOE findings the organization ordered Inco to remediate 25 affected properties. Only 24 properties were remediated as Smith, would not allow Inco to remediate her land.

Eric Gillespie, who represented the plaintiffs in the case, could not be reached for comment. But Smith said there is process that could allow the lawyer to appeal the decision to the Supreme Court.

"Those discussions are ongoing," she said. "They'll be going on until something is decided."

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Vale successfully appealed a class-action lawsuit against the mining company and reversed a \$36-million award to Port Colborne residents.



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■ HEALTH

Badawey pushing to reopen ER under minority government

MARYANNE FIRTH
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PORT COLBORNE — Port Colborne is not giving up the fight for its emergency room.

Vance Badawey plans to hold Ontario Progressive Conservative Leader Tim Hudak and New Democratic Party Leader Andrea Horwath

accountable for their election promise to re-open the Lakeside city's ER.

The Port Colborne mayor is already drafting what he called a private member's bill that he plans to send to the party leaders, as well as to Welland riding MPP-elect Cindy Forster, with hopes of seeing it turned into legislation at

Queen's Park.

Forster was involved in the hospital fight during her time as a regional councillor, Badawey said, calling her "well-versed" on the issue.

The Conservatives and NDP pledged to reopen the ER, and "they have that ability," Badawey said, adding it's just a matter of introducing and passing

the appropriate bill.

The provincial election, which yielded a Liberal minority government, has offered a chance for municipal officials to "stand shoulder to shoulder with our MPP counterparts," he said.

With the minority government in place, Badawey said municipal and regional coun-

cillors will "play a major role" in the impacts felt provincially.

Municipal officials will be better positioned to speak with the three parties and to contribute to legislation that affects the communities they represent, he added.

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Before 1918, women in Canada didn't even have the right to vote in federal elections! Since then, they have not ceased to take huge strides in their quest for equality in education, in personal and legal relationships, and in business. But many more challenges remain. Women still hold only 25 percent of the seats in the House of Commons, up 25 percent of the windfall in the 2011 federal elections, but it that is still far from the critical mass target of 30 percent. This dismal rate puts Canada far down the list of women's representation in world parliamentary institutions around the world.

Another place where the glass ceiling continues to prevent Canadian women from achieving their fair share of power is in boardrooms: women are notably under-represented on private sector and public boards of directors. In Canada, almost half of the boards of directors of large companies include only one woman, and only six percent include two or more.

Will the increasing numbers of women registering at our universities change this situation over the next few years? Let's hope it will, but in the meantime, we must continue to support those who already hold decision-making jobs or who have set their sights on them.



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■ **FACILITIES:** Programming a concern for new Port Colborne hub

Subway, YMCA show interest in health and wellness centre

MARYANNE FIRTH
InPort News Staff

PORT COLBORNE — Now that construction is under way on Port Colborne's health and wellness centre, city staff are working to put programs in place to bring the facility to life.

Last month the city announced it was accepting

expressions of interest from organizations looking to provide programming and/or operations for the facility. No submissions were received.

Niagara YMCA has expressed interest in the facility's aquatics area and gymnasium; The Ice Box, Subway, Toffolo Enterprises and Centre Court Catering

expressed interest in concessions; Goods Sports Excellence expressed interest in the retail portion of the facility; and the list goes on, as expressed by Subway, G&M Fitness and Niagara YMCA for the fitness centre. Gary Makins, Port Colborne's manager of community services, said the city was pleased with the number

of submissions it received, though it was somewhat of a surprise to see a lack of interest in programming for the aquatics area.

Though the arena will be maintained by existing city staff, the municipality is seeking an organization that can expand on existing programming to make full use of the facility.

All parties that submitted expressions of interest will now be asked to submit detailed breakdowns of their programming, including the types of programming or products and services that will be provided, price points, projected capital outlay and "anything else they can bring to the table," Makins said.

The detailed proposals should be before council in about a month's time, he added.

Bringing in external organizations, it's anticipated that expenditure costs will be reduced and revenue increased, Makins said, which ultimately means "keeping taxpayer cost as low as possible."

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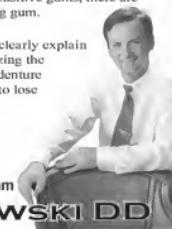
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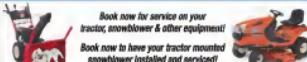


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■ OBITUARY: Marshville Chocolates founder dies at 75

Elaine Malowany had a sweet tooth

MARYANN FIRTH
InPort News Staff

WAINFLEET — It was certainly no secret that Elaine Malowany loved

chocolate.

After all, she turned her passion for sweets into a career that spanned more than 30 years and put smiles on the faces of countless customers

who visited her Wainfleet shop.

The founder of Marshville Chocolates died at St. Catharines General Hospital last Thursday. She was 75.

Growing up in a big family, it was Mrs. Malowany's job to do the baking every Saturday.

"She loved it," said daughter Mary-Beth Benner, who recalled stories her mother has told her of the goodies she would create.

Mrs. Malowany's love for baking is what sparked the chocolate-making that ultimately made her a well-known figure in the community. She began by making chocolate decorations to put on her cakes, which evolved into making chocolates for family and friends.

"And the rest is history," Benner said, detailing how Marshville Chocolates grew for about a decade from the

family home before the store opened in the heart of Wainfleet in 1988.

Mrs. Malowany joked she was going to bring in her knitting because she had heard how busy the new store would be, Benner said.

"It went over so well, she never touched those needles."

Mrs. Malowany is survived by husband John of 48 years, children Mary-Beth Benner and Anthony Malowany, and grandchildren Cassandra and Caroline Benner, and James, Rachel and Natalie Mills.

Her funeral took place at the Davidson Funeral Home, Chapel 135 Clarence St. in Port Colborne, at 11 a.m. on Monday.

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After rebounding from their qualifying-round loss with a 46-31 victory over

Saint Michael, the Cougars advanced to the consolation championship with a 55-33 defeat of Port High in Friday's semifinal round, which also was played at Niagara College, the sponsor of this year's tournament.



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The Tribune Girls Basketball Tournament consolation champion Lakeshore Catholic Gators include, kneeling, from left, Mackenzie Klauck, Amanda Shoats, Jordan Mullins, Kaitlyn Krammer, Kelsey Toner, Cory Buccone, Ashley Dockrill, Kianna Klauck, head coach Mike Stevenson and Nolan Soucie, the team's No. 1 supporter.

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■ PUBLIC HEALTH: Shot clinics begin in November

Rolling up your sleeves to knock out the flu

EDDIE CHAU
InPort News Staff

WELLAND — It's time to roll up your sleeves.

Autumn is usually the time of year when the flu season picks up. To prepare yourself to ward off the virus, Niagara Region Public Health will hold a series of flu immuni-

zation clinics for residents to protect themselves against influenza. The clinics will run Nov. 1 to 14.

John Kalaliloff, manager of vaccine-preventable disease, said this year's vaccine will shield against three strains of the flu virus — two type A viruses, H1N1 and H3N2, and one type B influ-

enza virus.

In south Niagara, the first clinic is in Wainfleet Tuesday, Nov. 8, at the Wainfleet First United Methodist Memorial Community Hall.

In Port Colborne, the flu clinic will run Wednesday, Nov. 9, at St. James and St. Brendan Church (72 Charlotte St.). Welland's clinic

will take place Monday, Nov. 14, at Rice Road Community Church.

All three run 1 p.m. to 8 p.m. and no appointment is needed. The vaccine is available at local physicians but for those who may not have one, they can certainly attend the clinics," Kalaliloff said. "These vaccines are a good match to the strains

currently circulating."

Kalaliloff said many people believe they only need to get the shot once in their lifetime. "The shot only protects the body for about six to eight months."

"People should get the shot once a year — not only to protect yourself but to keep the flu (from) spreading to

your loved ones."

After Nov. 17, the flu shot will be available at a general immunization clinic at Welland's public health office on Division St.

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BUSINESS PROFILE

State of the Art Facility

Lasik ProVision is the Niagara Peninsula's only comprehensive refractive centre which deals with the treatment of common visual disorders. The centre was founded in its current location in 1999 and has evolved to a state of the art refractive centre with a global reputation for the laser correction of nearsightedness, farsightedness and astigmatism. It is a world leader in bringing the treatment of Zeiss Laser Blended Vision Vision for the treatment of presbyopic "reading glasses vision" to North America. In addition, the centre specializes in the treatment of cataracts and corneal disorders such as keratoconus.



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Founder and medical director, Dr. Andrew W. Taylor, is one of North America's leading ophthalmologists in the use of excimer lasers in refractive surgery. He obtained his medical degree from the University of Toronto in 1991 and went on to complete a specialty residency in ophthalmology, also at the University of Toronto. He then went on to complete subspecialty training in corneal and refractive disorders. He has completed over 100,000 refractive procedures including lasik, photorefractive keratectomy and cataract surgery to date. In addition to his directorship role at Lasik ProVision, Dr. Taylor is an active staff member of The Niagara Health System in the Department of Ophthalmology.

Lasik ProVision has evolved in its current location from its original incarnation as Lasik Vision, which brought affordable lasik eye surgery to North America. Dr. Taylor restructured Lasik Vision in 2001 as a founding principal and owner of Lasik MD, which then went on to expand refractive clinics across Canada. In 2005, Dr. Taylor left Lasik MD to focus on more customized patient eyecare. In addition to his base clinic in Niagara Falls, he underwent an international expansion to London, England, Brussels, Belgium and the United States. Currently, in addition to his work in Niagara Falls, Dr. Taylor is involved in the development of a comprehensive ophthalmic center in Toronto.

"What is exciting now in refractive laser eye surgery is the safety of the procedure and the range of treatment options now available for patients. It is rare that a patient cannot benefit from refractive surgery" says Dr. Taylor. "The greatest development in recent years has been the use of the femtosecond laser for the creation of the flap upon which the laser procedure is based. Not only does this create a thinner and more uniform flap which leads to better optical outcomes, it alleviates the need for a blade and cutting microkeratome which was for many patients the biggest hurdle preventing them from having refractive lasik surgery. The safety factor is so great, I no longer utilize the microkeratome blade in lasik eye surgery". Dr. Taylor has extensive experience on several laser platforms. "While we started with the Bausch and Lomb platform in 1999, the industry has moved forward to provide greater customization for the unique optical errors of each individual patient. At Lasik ProVision, we have the WaveLight Allegretto platform but we are increasingly shifting to the Zeiss Meditec MEL 80 platform with the Visumax femtosecond laser. This platform in my belief delivers the optimal reshaping of the cornea to maintain the natural corneal shape for optimal optical correction and customization. Zeiss laser Blended Vision is unique in the treatment of presbyopia or "reading glasses vision". It is the only excimer laser platform that predictably increases the range of vision so patients can see at near, intermediate and far without the loss of stereovision. This is truly exciting. Previously, and on other laser platforms, we could only treat with monovision with one eye corrected for far and one eye corrected for distance. This left patients with a loss of intermediate vision and reduced stereovision. It worked, but Zeiss Laser Blended Vision works so much better."

What is the future of refractive surgery? "The future is continuing to refine the refractive outcome with ever safer and less invasive procedures. I am very excited that within the next year, we will begin to fully utilize the femtosecond laser's potential, going beyond the creation of better flaps to conducting the entire laser procedure within the cornea without a flap. This may sound like science fiction, but it is a reality and I am honoured that Zeiss has chosen to partner with Lasik ProVision in Niagara Falls to bring this technology to North America.



To obtain additional information or to book your **FREE** consultation please contact our refractive counselors at 1-888-510-2020 or 905-371-3217. You may visit our website at www.lasikprovision.com





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